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SUBJECT: SHIP FOR SRI LANKA NAVY

REF: COLOMBO 1202

1. WE CONCUR THAT FOLLOWING POLICY GUIDELINES PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED, US SHOULD REMAIN NON- COMMITAL IN RESPONSE SRI LANKA NAVY (SLN) INQUIRY REGARDING POSSIBLE AVAILABILITY OF SHIP UNTIL SITUATION REGARDING SLN' S OTHER OPTIONS BECOMES CLEARER.

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2. FOR EMBASSY BACKGROUND ONLY, WE ARE IN THE MEANTIME EXAMINING QUESTION OF SHIP AVAILABILITY AND, TO DO SO, WE NEED MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT SLN' S ABILITY TO PROPERLY OPERATE AND MAINTAIN SMALL MODERN COMBATANT TYPE SHIP. OUR CONCERN IS TO AVOID OFFERING A VESSEL WHICH WOULD EXCEED SLN' S OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CAPACITY AND WHICH COULD, THEREFORE, BECOME A LIABILITY TO US- SRI LANKA RELATIONS. US NAVY HAS QUERIED DATT BY SEPTTEL TO GET INFORMATION THEY NEED.

3. WE ARE DEFERRING SPECIFIC REPLY TO QUESTIONS OF PRICE, AVAILABILITY, AND CREDIT UNTIL DATT RESPONSE RECEIVED, AND FY 74 SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION CLARIFIED. RUSH

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